[Translation]

Profit of ITDC

256 SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH :
SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH :

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the net profit earned by the India Tourism Development Corporation during the last three years and the contribution of the ITDC's hotels thereto;

(b) whether performance of these hotels is satisfactory; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by the Government for improvement in their performance?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) (a) The information is given as under :-

Year	Profit before tax ITDC Hotels Div.		Profit earned by ITDC After tax (Figures are not available separately for Hotel Division)
	(Rs in crores)		(Rs in crores)
1993-94	24 02	8 29	12.21
1994-95	43.17	22 71	28.37
1995-96 (Prov.)	65 19	39 64	43 50

(b) and (c) There has been substantial improvement in the performance of ITDC Hotels during the last three years However improvement in performance is a continuous process and the steps taken in this regard include, aggressive marketing, upgradation/improvement, restructuring of hotels, control of operating costs, development of human resource by imparting training, etc

[English]

Private Airtlines in Bihar

257 SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have allowed private airlines to operate air taxies and small aeroplanes for passangers from Patna and Gaya to famous pilgrimage places in Bihar.

(b) if so the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to initiate this step, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c). No private airline is, at present, operating from Patna and Gaya to other pilgrimage places in Bihar. However, a private company has proposed to operate flights between Patna and Varanasi. Besides, another private operator has proposed to operate to Gaya.

[Translation]

Literacy In Tribal Areas

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SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in comparison to the national average of literacy, the literacy level is very low in the tribal areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the tribal dominated areas where the literacy level is highest and lowest alongwith the percentage thereof, separately;

(d) whether the Government have chalked out any time-bound programme for prmoting this percentage of literacy; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the expenditure incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) and (b). There are some tribal areas where literacy is lower than the national average but there are also some tribal areas where literacy is higher than the national average A statement indicating State/UT-wise percentage of general literacy and literacy percentage among Scheduled Tribes is attached in the given *statement*

(c) The highest percentage of literacy among Scheduled Tribes is in the State of Mizoram, being 52.71%. The lowest percentage of literacy among Scheduled Tribes is in the State of Andhra Pradesh, being 17.26%

(d) and (e) The Government has taken the following steps to raise the literacy percentage of Scheduled Tribes

1. Opening of schools in ST habitations with relaxed norms.
2. Coverage of Tribal population under Operation Blackboard scheme
3. Coverage of Tribal areas under non-formal education.
4. Coverage of Tribal districts in Total Literacy Campaign Programme -

Under this scheme of financial assistance is given to Zilla Saksharta Samities in the proportion of 4:1. This implies that 80% financial liability is of Department of

Education while State Government bears only 20% of the approved expenditure. Out of sixty-six districts identified as Tribal districts (the districts with Tribal population is 40% of total population as per 1991 census) 30 districts have already been covered under TLC campaigns.

5 Mid-Day Meal :- Out of 2446 blocks covered under Employment Assurance Scheme, 1982 EAS blocks are Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP) blocks There is provision to cover 2005 low female literacy (LFL) blocks by the year 1996-97 which include Tribal areas

6 District Primacy Education Programme (DPEP) . This scheme lays special emphasis on the education of deprived sections of society including Tribals

7. Primary Education in Tribal dialects for Tribal children NCERT and the Central Institute of Indian Langueges prepare the text books for Tribal children in their local dialects In addition to it, the supplementary reading material is also prepared by these institutions for tribal children

8. A scheme of Mahila Samakhya The basic objective of the scheme is empowerment of women through education SC and ST women participation in the programme is very large

9 Lok Jumbish This programme is to achieve Education for All by 2000 A D in Rajasthan Special stress is given on the coverage of SC/ST children through micro planning at village level Free text books and uniforms are given to the children

STATEMENT

Literacy Rates 1991

State/ Union Territory	General			Scheduled Tribes		
	Person	Male	Female	Person	Male	Female
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Andhra Pradesh	44 09	55 13	32 72	17 16	25 25	8 68
Arunachal Pradesh	41 59	51 45	29 69	34 45	44 00	24.94
Assam	52 89	61 87	43 03	49 16	58 93	38 98
Bihar	38 48	52 49	22 89	26 78	38 40	14 75
Goa	75 51	83 64	67 09	42 91	54 43	29 01
Gujarat	61 29	73 13	48.64	36 45	48 25	24 20
Haryana	55 85	69 10	40 47	-	-	-
Himachal Pradesh	63 86	75 36	52.17	49 09	62 74	31 18
Jammu & Kashmir	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karnataka	56 04	67 26	44 34	36 01	47 95	23 57
Kerala	89 81	93 62	86 17	57 22	63 38	51 07
Madhya Pradesh	44 20	58 42	28 85	21 54	32 16	10 73
Maharashtra	64 87	76 56	52 32	36 79	49 09	24 03
Manipur	39 89	71 63	47 60	53 63	62 39	44 48
Meghalaya	49 10	53 12	44 85	46 71	49 78	43 63
Mizoram	82 27	85 61	78 60	82 71	86 66	78 70
Nagaland	61 65	67 62	54 75	60.59	66 27	54 51
Orissa	49 09	63 09	34 68	22 31	34 44	10.21
Punjab	58 51	65 66	50 41	-	-	-
Rajasthan	38 55	54 99	20 44	19 44	33 29	4 42
Sikkam	56 94	65 74	46 69	59 01	66 80	50 17
Tamil Nadu	62 66	73 75	51 33	27 89	35 25	20 23
Tripura	60 44	70 58	49 65	40 37	52 88	27 34
Uttar Pradesh	41 60	55 73	25 31	35 70	49 95	19 86
West Bengal	57 70	67 81	46 56	27 78	40 07	14 98
A&N Islands	73 02	78 99	65 46	56 62	64 16	48 74

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chandigarh	77.81	82.04	72.34	-	-	-
D&N Haveli	40.71	53 56	26.98	28.21	40.75	15 94
Daman & Diu	71.20	82.66	59.40	52.91	63.58	41.49
Delhi	75.29	82 01	66.99	-	-	-
Lakshadweep	81.78	90 18	72.89	80.58	89.50	71.72
Pondicherry	74.74	83.68	65.63	-	-	-
India	52.21	64 13	39.29	29.60	40.65	18.19

Source - Census of India 1991 final population Total (Paper 2 of 1992) Census was not held in J&K

[English]

Interim Relief to Journalists and Non-Journalists

259 SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH HOODA Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have decided to pay interim relief to the journalists and non-journalists of newspapers and news agancies;

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) the date from which the interim relief is proposed to be paid and

(d) the time by which the payment is likely to be made alongwith the amount thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M ARUNACHALAM) (a) Yes Sir

(b) to (d). The Wage Boards for Journalists and Non-Journalist Newspaper and News-agency Employees constituted on 2 9 94, submitted their Interim Report on payment of Interim Reates of Wages recommending interim enhancement of 15% in the basisic wage w e f 20 4 95 The Govt in February, 1996 decided to enhance the rate from 15% to 20% of the present basic wages The notification regarding the payment of interim rates of wages will be issued shortly

Uplinking Right to Foreign Network

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SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH
SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT
SHRI E AHAMED

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have agreed to grant permission for uplinking facilities to foreign television networks

(b) if so, the details of the terms and conditions,

(c) whether the Government have discussed this issue with various Indian companies,

(d) whether some proposals in this regard are under consideration of the Goverment, and

(e) the extent to which this foreign network is going to effect on Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C M IBRAHIM) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) to (e) A meeting was taken by the former Information and Broadcasting Minister with the representatives of Indian Companies seeking uplinking facilities However, no decision was taken

Child Labour

261 SHRI HARIN PATHAK Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state

(a) whether the number of child labourers in the country is higher than that of other developing countries and

(b) if so, the place of India in respect of the number of child labourers?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M ARUNACHALAM) (a) and (b) As reported by the World Labour Report, 1992, published by ILO, India has probably the largest number of working children

Serials on Payment of Sponsorship Fee

262 DR LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY
SHRI R L P VERMA

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) the norms fixed for categorisation of serials for sponsored programmes on payment of sponsorship fee,